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LETTER DATED 26 JANUARY 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES OF FRANCE, SPAIN AND THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TC THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

We have the honour to bring to your attention the text in English and French of the Declaration on the Former Yugoslavia adopted by the European Community and its member States and issued on 25 January 1993 in Copenhagen and Brussels.

We should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex distributed as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

[Original: English/French]

Declaration on the former Yugoslavia

(Copenhagen and Brussels, 25 January 1993)

"The European Community and its member States view with grave concern the recent resumption of hostilities around Zadar in Croatia, which have been initiated by the Croatian side. The armed clashes have already resulted in numerous casualties, including one member of the French UNPROFOR contingent.

In addition to destabilizing the uneasy situation in Croatia, these actions risk harming the highly important and serious negotiations in Geneva on Bosnia-Herzegovina, which recently have shown promise of making some headway. The consequences of such a train of events could be extremely grave.

In the present situation, the European Community and its member States, while aware of Serbian non-compliance with the Vance plan, urgently call on all sides, and in particular the Government of Croatia, to bring hostilities around Zadar to an immediate end. All parties involved must participate in good faith with the implementation of all aspects of the Vance plan, including the return of the refugees, and must be prepared to accept a prolongation of the UNPROFOR mandate, when it expires next month.

At the same time, the European Community and its member States, recalling their declaration of 13 January 1993, urge all parties involved to carry on without delay the negotiations in Geneva with a view to reaching agreement on full implementation of the Ahtisaari proposal on Bosnia-Herzegovina. No action must be undertaken by anyone, inside or outside Bosnia-Herzegovina, which could put these negotiations into jeopardy."